



State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
State Forestry Service

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**COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM
GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT
APPLICATION**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis contingent on funding availability.
This application must be completed in its entirety before it can be processed for an award.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Applicant (Check One):

- ☐ Municipality, Name
☐ County, Name
☐ Other Local Government Agency/Authority, Name

Application
Date:

Project Type – see application details for definitions (Check One):

- ☐ Initial 5-year Community Forestry Management Plan
☐ Subsequent Community Forestry Management Plan

of CFMP:
(eg. 1st, 2nd, 3rd,5-year plan)

Project Location:

(Municipality, County)

Project Manager:

Title:

(This is the person responsible for managing the development and submission of the CFMP)

Organization:

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

(Must be a government address to the executed CFMP will be directed)

City:

State:

ZIP:

Grant Request: \$

(Maximum grant amount is \$3,000)

Match (100% match of the grant amount
is required):

In-Kind _____% In-Cash _____%

Project Total: \$

(Grant Request + Match = Project Total)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of Governing Body:

(eg. Mayor and Council, Township Committee, Board of Commissioners, Board of Freeholders, etc.)

Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Modified Accrual ☐ Accrual ☐ Other

Fiscal
Year:

Federal ID Number:

DUNS Number:

Grant Executor:

Title:

(Person authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the applicant, eg. Mayor, Business Administrator)

Resolution Certifier:

Title:

(Person that will sign to certify that the resolution to accept the funding was passed, eg. Municipal/County Freeholder clerk. This person cannot be the same as the Grant Executor.)

Clerk:

(Municipal, County Freeholder, other. This is the person responsible for grant contract documents)

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

(Must be where contracts are to be delivered)

City:

State:

ZIP:

Chief Financial Officer:

Phone:

E-mail:

Address:

(Must be where checks are to be delivered)

City:

State:

ZIP:

Is the applicant a Tree City USA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

As the official representative of the above named applicant, I hereby authorize the application submitted for this grant, and certify that the information provided within this application form is complete and true.

Authorized Agent Signature	Printed Name & Title	Date
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Green Communities Grant

Application Details and Submission Instructions

Purpose of Funding

The Green Communities Grant is to assist local governments in the development of a Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP) through the hiring of a forester, tree expert, or other professional (consultant). A CFMP is a document for action, guiding communities to establish and maintain healthy, safe and sustainable urban and community forests. An approved CFMP is the first step toward compliance with the Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act. Compliance with the Act affords your community increased liability protection. For detailed guidelines on the Act and developing and submitting a CFMP for approval go to www.communityforestry.nj.gov.

Statutory Reference

N.J.S.A. 13:1L-17.1 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 13:1D-9

Funding

Funding is provided by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program. The maximum grant award is \$3,000 for two years. A 100% match of the grant amount is required in-cash or in-kind services. No federal funds from any source are permitted to be used as a match. Grants are paid out on a reimbursement basis only. No funds will be released until the CFMP is approved by the State Forester and all the required financial reporting documentation is received.

Who is Eligible?

Local government and Shade Tree Commissions. Local government means a municipality, county or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency thereof.

Application and Award Process

Applications are available online at www.communityforestry.nj.gov, and are accepted on a rolling basis. All applications must be completed in their entirety and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent upon funding availability. Once complete, **submit applications electronically to:** carrie.sargeant@dep.nj.gov.

For more information, contact:

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